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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO MINISTER OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS THE RESULT OF AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL WHICH I INTRODUCED
IN MY MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD YESTERDAY ON THE KEY
QUESTION OF THE LOCATION OF THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT LINE,
IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO MAKE MAJOR LAST MINUTE PROGRESS TOWARD
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON THE DISENGAGEMENT
OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES. I HAVE NOW RETURNED TO ISRAEL TO SEEK
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.

IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT I MUST
REMAIN IN THE AREA INTO NEXT WEEK IN A MAJOR EFFORT TO RESOLVE
THIS AND THE OTHER REMAINING DIFFICULT ISSUES OF A DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT BEFORE I RETURN TO WASHINGTON. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED
DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH TO CHAIR NEXT WEEK'S CENTO MEETING
ON MY BEHALF. HE IS FULLY INFORMED OF THE VIEWS I HAD INTENDED TO
SET FORTH DURING OUR MEETING AND OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH

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TO THE ROLE OF CENTO. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL STILL PLAN

TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH I RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MIGHT PREFER TO SEND A DEPUTY TO REPRESENT YOU.

I HAD LOOKED FORWARD WITH SPECIAL ANTICIPATION TO THIS MEETING OF CENTO -- THE FIRST TO BE HELD SINCE I BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE -- AND ALSO TO THE OPPORTUNITY IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN US. I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION I AM PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN, NOT ONLY TO THE CENTO REGION BUT TO GLOBAL PEACE. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS WHY I FELT I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY HERE AND PURSUE THE EFFORTS I AM ENGAGED IN AT THIS CRUCIAL STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

I AM SENDING A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO OUR OTHER CENTO COLLEAGUES AND TO THE CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL.

WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER
END MESSAGE
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